Then And Now

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THE CORNER DRUG STORE

"Reggie And The Flu"

It was a cold, cold morning and Reggie (Mr. Reginald W. Stanley, of Church Street, Appomattox) wished he could have stayed in his warm bed just a little longer, but alas duty called! To Reggie, duty meant getting to his job at the Corner Drug Store where he worked for Dr. Charles F. James, druggist. The store opened at seven o'clock each morning so he had to hurry.

With his coat collar turned high against the chilling wind, and his hands encased in heavy woolen gloves, he dutifully hurried to work. As he walked briskly along he hoped that the big pot bellied stove that provided heat for the drug store didn't give them any trouble today. Dr. James had not been feeling too well the last couple of days and Reggie was a little afraid he might be coming down with the flu. Now Reggie had good reason to worry about the stove—it had fallen down on three different occasions, causing quite a disturbance each time.

Arriving at the store just on the dot of seven, Reggie saw Dr. James just unlocking the door. He knew immediately that something must be wrong—Dr. James was always early. Sure enough, as they began readying the store for the day ahead, Dr. James complained of feeling extremely weak and tired. Now both Reggie and Dr. James knew how busy they would be with so many people sick with flu in the town of Appomattox and surrounding county. Dr. D. N. Twyman, Dr. Mott Robertson, and Dr. D. A. Christian were working night and day to meet the needs of so many people stricken with flu.

Reggie was not the only employee of Dr. Charles F. James—Harold Y. Spencer, pharmacist also worked at the corner drug store. It was Dr. James and Harold who kept the prescriptions filled—usually a black pill, followed by a dose of castor oil, the amount to be determined by the age and the condition of the patient in need.

In some families, every member was bedridden with flu and an outsider had to see to getting the medication and attend to the needs of that family. In more than one instance several members of a family lost their lives to the dreaded sickness.

About the middle of the morning Dr. James decided to give up and go on home—flu had become his master for a time! "Oh well," thought Reggie, as he went about straightening up stock and waiting on the customers, "even though Harold will be overworked he can take care of the prescriptions."

It was an unusually busy afternoon. Reggie kept taking prescriptions to the rear of the store and leaving them for Harold to fill. In a little while he noticed that Harold had disappeared.

The Corner Drug Store was the agent for a laundry in Lynchburg. In order to accomodate the dirty laundry that was waiting to be transported to Lynchburg, there was a hugh commercial laundry basket behind the counter at the rear of the store. Reggie decided he had better check on Harold and went back to investigate and then he had the scare of his life! There, plopped in the middle of the basket was Harold, head hanging over one side, feet over the other side. He was motionless and pale.

Dr. D. N. Twyman, a local doctor, practiced medicine in offices located at the rear of the drug store building which could only be reached by an outside entrance. Reggie, scared almost speechless, ran quickly to Dr. Twyman's office, urging him to come at once, saying, "Hurry doc, I think Harold is dead." The good doctor, sensing the urgency in the frightened young man's request wasted no time in geting to the drug store. He took a quick look at Harold Spencer, who seemed to have "gone on", felt his pulse, looked up at the anxious Reggie and said, "Cheer up, boy, he ain't dead—just got the flu."

As relieved as he was, Reggie knew now that he, and no one else was left to handle the business of running the drug store, and he was not qualified to fill prescriptions. "Woe is me", he thought. Dr. Twyman came to the rescue, "don't worry, son," he said, "just run around the corner and yell for me when you have a prescription to fill, and I'll do it for you.

After pills and a follow-up dose of castor oil had been given to all who required it and the crisis was over, young Reggie was really exhausted or so he thought. Next morning it was a different story—instead of waking up refreshed after a night of sleep, he awoke with—you guessed it: FLU!.

We're so glad that you survived that bout of flu, Reggie and are hale and hearty today, and able to recount these trying but interesting times from the days of THEN. By the way, Reggie, have you gotten your flu shot this year?

COMPLETES RECRUIT TRAINING

DEC. 7 - Marine Private John E. Jamerson, Jr., 17, son of Gwendolyn G. Jamerson of Rt. 1, Pamplin, Va., has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

During the 11-week training cycle, he learned the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

He joined the Marine Corps in August 1976.

Vote - December 16 - Flue-Cured Tobacco Referendum:

December 16 will be an important date for flue-cured tobacco. The USDA has set Thursday, December 16, as the date for the Flue-Cured Tobacco Quota Referendum. In the referendum, growers will vote to determine whether marketing quotas and price support will continue in effect for crop years 1977, 1978, and 1979.

Approval by two-thirds of those voting is necessary for the program to remain in effect.

The national quota, which has already been announced by USDA will reflect a 12% reduction from 1976. Individual growers will receive quota notices prior to the December 16 referendum.

In the previous referendum, held in 1973, 98.5% of the 100,466 growers voting favored marketing quotas for the 1974, 1975, and 1976 crops.

BUY A LION'S CLUB FRUITCAKE

A SIX-FOOT SNOWMAN made by Benny James Beasley, Jr. and Benny James Beasley, Sr. last Wednesday when Appomattox got its first measurable snowfall of the season is shown in the photo above. Schools in the county were closed for the day due to the inclement weather, so the Beasleys made good use of the time, enjoying making a large snowman.

Mr. C. L. Woody, right above, Highway Equipment Operator A, Virginia Department of Highways, retired December 1, 1976 after 13 years of service.

He was presented with a retirement certificate by Mr. M. V. Harvey, left above, Superintendent. Mr. Woody also received a gift from fellow employees.

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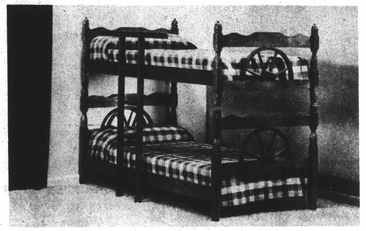

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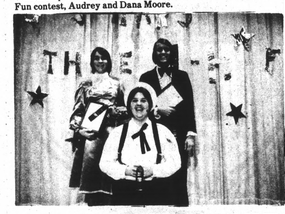
TOP WINNERS IN SENIOR DIVISON, 4-H SHARE THE FUN - Left to right, back row, Vicki Glover, 3rd place; Cynthia Hix and Joe Ford, members of winning group; and on front row, left to right, Polly Carter, accompanist for winning act; and Dean Page, 2nd place.

MRS. GLENNA HIX, representative of Appomattox County Farm Bureau Women's Committee, presented 4-H Camp Scholarship to Junior Division winners of the 4-H Share The Fun contest, Audrey and Dana Moore.



TOP WINNING SENIOR ACT IN THE 4-H SHARE THE FUN - Cynthia Hix, Polly Carter, and Joe Ford performed "Return To The Cabaret".

TOP WINNERS IN JUNIOR DIVISION, 4-H SHARE THE FUN - Left to right, Audrey Moore and Dana Moore, 1st place; Laura Walton, 2nd place; and Sally Coleman, 3rd place.

Va. Farm Bureau To Present Policy Positions To 1977 General Assembly

The Virginia Farm Bureau has selected 19 policy positions for its "emphasis package" to be presented to the 1977 General Assembly.

These issues were drawn from the 100 positions approved at the farm organization's 51st annual meeting in Roanoke last week. Following the convention, the VFBF board of directors selected the emphasis package.

"These positions will be given priority in our meetings with General Assembly members," said Alex Hamilton, VFBF public affairs director.

The state's largest farm organization placed five taxation issues in the emphasis package. Three were on law enforcement, and two were related to labor issues. The others ranged from annexation to reorganization of state government.

Farm Bureau supported an increase in sales tax to keep Virginia's budget in balance.

The wording of the sales tax resolution reads: "We support retention of the sales tax on food and non - prescription drugs. If additional state funds are needed, we support a one-cent increase in sales tax. We support an additional one-cent local option sales tax for localities provided it is returned on a per capita basis."

On other tax issues, Farm Bureau supported a local option income tax, retention of present treatment of capital gains under state income tax laws, and opposed any increase in Virginia's inheritance taxes.

It also opposed any tax increase on tobacco products.

The voting delegates approved the death penalty in certain heinous crimes including premeditated murder, forcable rape, murder of a police officer or guard, kidnapping and skyjacking.

They also supported possession of firearms without registration, and the strict enforcement of drug control laws.

The 44,800 member family organization opposed collective bargaining for public employes, and supported the retention of Virginia's right-to-work law.

The organization continued its opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment; favored outlawing non-returnable bottles with a minimum of ten cents deposit on each returnable container, and disapproved annexation without approval by referendum.

Other issues in the emphasis package favored increasing the weight limit to 79,800 pounds for vehicles under the special truck license statute, and supported the present formula for allocating funds to secondary roads. It opposed any change in Virginia law concerning private riparian rights.

It was prepared to ask for a legislative study which would lead to statewide control of Johnson grass.

Farm Bureau members supported land use planning at the local level, and opposed any legislation to establish control at the state or national level.

On reorganization of state government, the Farm Bureau policy reads: "We recommend that proposals to reorganize state government be closely scrutinized to insure a strong Virginia Department of Agriculture and Virginia's traditional strong system of government. We believe economic development and regulatory functions pertaining to agriculture should be encompassed in a separate agricultural department. We support the present power and authorities, as mandated by the General Assembly, to staggered termed citizen boards and commissions."

Police Chiefs, Sheriffs, Investigators Have Breakfast Meeting

James Ford, Police Chief for the Town of Appomattox, was host at a "dutch-treat" breakfast at Jeanne's Restaurant on Wednesday of last week when Police Chiefs and Sheriffs of District II met for their regular monthly meeting. Also attending were Police Investigators who are members of this group.

Members of District II meet once a month to discuss any current problems law enforcement officers may be having at that particular time.

District Eleven is made up of Police Chiefs, Sheriffs and Investigators from the Counties of Appomattox, Campbell, Bedford and Amherst, and from the Town of Appomattox, Town of Bedford, Town of Brookneal, Town of Amherst, and the City of Lynchburg.

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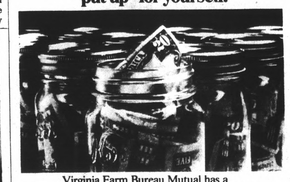

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